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1. ON NOVEMBER 30 DEBATE ON THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE
CONTINUED IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY. STATEMENTS WERE
MADE BY INDIA, AFGHANISTAN, MONGOLIA, POLAND, GUYANA, EGYPT,
TUNISIA, THE GDR, HUNGARY, GREECE, BAHRAIN, UGANDA, DJIBOUTI,
SUDAN, NIGER, AND THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. THE MOST
SIGNIFICANT SPEECH OF THE DAY WAS DELIVERED BY AMB. MEGUID
OF EYPGT.

2. MEGUID ASSERTED THAT THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM "IS THE
CORE OF THE SITUATION AND THAT IN ITS SOLUTION LIES THE
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FOUNDATION OF PERMANENT PEACE IN THE AREA."
MEGUID NOTED THAT EGYPT "APPEALS TO THE SECURITY
COUNCIL TO DEAL OBJECTIVELY WITH THE PALESTINIAN
QUESTION WHICH IS THE CORE OF THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT."

3. MEQUID NOTED THAT EGYPT "HAS CALLED FOR A PREPARATORY

MEETING IN CAIRO IN WHICH ALL THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT, INCLUDING THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE PEACE CONFERENCE WOULD TAKE PART. THIS PREPARATORY CONFERENCE IS DESIGNED TO MAKE CAREFUL AND PROPER PREPARATION FOR THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE SO THAT IT MAY BE CONVENED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND ACHIEVE THE END IN SIGHT. THIS WOULD HELP SPARE US A LOT OF FUTILE CONTROVERSIES AND ARGUMENTS. EGYPT SINCERELY HOPES THAT ALL PARTIES WILL RESPOND TO THIS INVITATION SO THAT WE MAY ALL CONTRIBUTE TO THE MARCH TOWARDS PEACE. EGYPT, IN THE MEANTIME, IS CONVINCED THAT THE CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE AND THE UNITED NATIONS HAVE AN IMPORTANT AND CENTRAL ROLE TO PLAY IN THIS CONNECTION."

4. MEGUID DEFENDED EGYPT'S POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION. HE ASSERTED THAT "EGYPT WILL CONTINUE TO SHOULDER ITS HISTORIC RESPONSIBILITY, DISREGARDING ALL THE STABS DIRECTED AT HER BY THE SO-CALLED SUPPORTERS OF THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE. THESE HAD BETTER REALIZE, BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE, THAT EGYPT HAS ALWAYS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE MAINSTAY OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. IT IS HOPE THAT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE LAST FEW YEARS WOULD BE A GOOD GUIDANCE FOR THEM."

5. MEQUID CONCLUDED BY DECLARING THAT "THE WORLD IS IN A RACE WITH TIME. WE WILL EITHER HAVE A JUST AND

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LASTING PEEACE, OR WE WILL WORK BY ALL MEANS TO RESTORE THE RIGHTS GUARANTEED TO US UNDER THE CHARTER AND SUPPORTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. CONSEQUENTLY, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST WORK TO GET THINGS MOVING IMMEDIATELY. THE UNITED NATIONS MEMBERS HAVE AN OBLIGATION OF PUSHING THE SITUATION TOWARD A JUST SOLUTION AND TO FACE WITH DETERMINATION ALL OBSTRUCTIONIST MANEUVERS." MEGUID ASSERTED THAT THE "PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S RIGHTS DO NOT NEED ANY INTERPRETATION. IF ISRAEL WANTS REAL PEACE IN THE AREA, IT HAS TO RECOGNIZE THESE RIGHTS."

6. DEBATE IS STILL SCHEDULED TO CONCLUDE ON THIS ITEM ON THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 1; THE U.S. IS INSCRIBED TO SPEAK ON THAT DAY. VOTING ON THE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS UNDER THIS ITEM, HOWEVER, IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 2.

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